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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Arguments and Amendments

1. Applicant's amendments filed 4 October 2004, have been entered and made of record.

Response to Amendments

2. Claims 29-41 were previously indicated as allowable but are now rejected in view of the new matter issues addressed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 29-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claim 40 calls for strobing a coherent light source at a predetermined exposure time, wherein the exposure time is "a function of the spacing between the individual lines of the plurality of lines" formed by the coherent light source. This feature was previously introduced as new claim 28 in the Amendment filed 14 July 2003, and does not appear to be supported by the original disclosure or its accompanying claims.

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Page 8, lines 8-11 of the original Specification teaches that, "lasers are strobed at a predetermined rate, so that both time-multiplexing and color-multiplexing can be used to separate the laser signal from the visual light signals generated by the green light and the blue light." However, there is no mention of the exposure time of the strobed light being "a function of the spacing between the individual lines of the plurality of lines" formed by the coherent light source. Strobing is also mentioned on page 10 of the Specification, but the limitation of interest is not disclosed therein.

Examiner requests that the Applicant show support in the original disclosure for the feature of the strobe's exposure time being "a function of the spacing between the individual lines of the plurality of lines" formed by the coherent light source, in order to overcome the above rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

There is also a question as to whether claims 36, 37, and 41 are supported by the original disclosure and accompanying claims. Examiner requests that the Applicant show support for the limitations of these claims in addition to that of claim 40.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 29-41 are allowable if the above rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is overcome by a sufficient show of support in the original disclosure and accompanying claims.

The reasons for allowance are:

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Regarding claim 40, U.S. Patent 5,495,337 by Goshorn et al. discloses all of the limitations of the claim, except the exposure time of the strobe "being a function of the spacing between the individual lines of the plurality of lines."

Goshorn discloses a strobe control unit 92 (figure 8A) that controls the strobe of the lasers 20 and 22. However, Goshorn is silent to the strobe controlled so as to be a function of the spacing between the individual lines of the plurality of lines, as claimed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Colin M. LaRose whose telephone number is (703) 306-3489. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached on (703) 308-6604. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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